## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Ghee Hong Jin, et al.

FOR: ALKALINE LIPASE FROM VIBRIO METSCHNIKOVII RH530 N-4-8 AND NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCE ENCODING THE SAME

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Prior to the Examiner acting in the above-referenced application, please preliminary amend the above-identified application as follows.